

12 January 1982

NOTE FOR: Admiral Inman

FROM: 

SUBJECT: Your Luncheon Meeting with Jim Bush, 13 January 1982

1. When Jim Bush provided the HPSCI hearing schedule, he made his usual plea that he receive the CBJBs as rapidly as possible so that they could begin their staff preparations for hearings. In subsequent conversations it has become apparent that Bush is concerned over the uncertainty of when the budget will actually be transmitted to the Hill. He asked me, for example, to determine whether OMB would be willing to grant a waiver from their normal policy of embargoing budget information prior to the actual transmittal of the President's budget. I checked with OMB staff and they, predictably, were unwilling to permit early release of any material.

2. I suggested to Jim Bush that he may want to raise this subject with you at your meeting tomorrow. If he does I expect he will also claim that not getting sufficient time to review our justification material might result in his having to slip the entire HPSCI hearing schedule. I recommend:

a. that we hold to the notion of providing justification material only after the President's Budget has been formally transmitted; and

b. if Bush wants to slip the hearing schedule, that you indicate you have no objection. (I don't really think he is serious about doing so since he always has a problem nailing down Mr. Boland's schedule and once having done so, it is basically locked in. Moreover, moving it at this point has no adverse consequences for you that we know of.)

cc: D/ICS

*We will not provide the CJBs until the budget has been formally transmitted. We will endeavor to help them get ready for the March hearing by providing access to useful info in our papers.*